



Consultation - practitioner fees 2026/2027

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Introduction

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In response to increasing costs faced by the Board it is proposing to increase fees for the 2026-2027 financial year. An increase of approximately 3% is proposed for most fees, for practitioners this will mean an increase in the practising certificate fee from \$495.00 to \$510.00 (inclusive of GST). It is proposed that the disciplinary levy of \$34.50 (inclusive of GST) remains unchanged.

Practitioners are invited to give feedback about this proposal. Feedback will be considered by the Board before any decision is made. Practitioners will be advised of the outcome of this consultation and any changes to fees will be published in the New Zealand Gazette.

Background

Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | The Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board), as a responsible authority under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (2003), has the ability to set fees for services provided to practitioners. The Board also has the ability to impose a levy to pay for disciplinary matters. The Board is proposing to increase the fees paid by practitioners and is consulting with registrants and key stakeholders before it makes a decision.

Functions of the Board

Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | The Medical Radiation Technologists Board – is responsible for protecting the health and safety of New Zealanders by ensuring practitioners registered in the profession of medical imaging and radiation therapy are competent and fit to practise.

The functions of the Board are described in [section 118 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act](#). The work undertaken by the Board in enacting these functions is divided into strategic work and its business-as-usual activities. Strategic work is underpinned by the [Board's strategic plan](#). The Board has three main focus areas for 2023-2026; these are:

1. Alignment of regulatory frameworks
2. Meeting its obligations as a Tiriti o Waitangi Partner
3. Data strategy.

Progress has been made on all strategic priorities over the course of 2023 – 2025. This includes, work on the scopes of practice for the medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners, the successful development and implementation of a Māori practitioner advisory committee and replacement of the practitioner management system (database).

In addition to its strategic work the Board must maintain its core regulatory work which includes processing registration and practising certificate applications, recertification and audit as well as managing competence, health and conduct matters. It is often hard to predict the number of cases that will be received each year, and the Board must ensure that sufficient funds are allocated for these purposes.

Board income

The Board's income is derived mostly from fees associated with the issuing of practising certificates with most income received in February – March of each year. As part of its budget processes, the Board makes a projection of expected annual income based on current volumes of practitioners, the number of matters it is managing related to competence and discipline, and other factors. The Board must ensure through its budgeting, expenditure and cashflow processes that it has sufficient funds to operate each year, and that it has sufficient reserves to take into account unexpected matters. It must also consider matters such as changes in the number of practitioners applying to renew practising certificates, variation in the number and type of professional conduct matters that it must investigate as well as external factors that impact on the number of practitioners seeking registration.

The Board has a [reserves policy](#) which it uses to guide its decision making around the levels of funds that it holds. The Board is mindful of the cost of providing services and must make sure when making decisions that there is a prudent and judicious use of practitioner funds.

Notwithstanding these constraints, the Board must also operate within the current regulatory and economic environment. Accordingly, to maintain the appropriate level of reserves and its financial sustainability, the Board must adjust its fees to ensure that it can provide required services.

Board expenses

There have been gradual increases in costs across all Board activities since the last fees review in 2023. The biggest costs are for operations and strategic-focused projects such as the scopes of practice review and strengthening its regulatory work. The Board has also seen an increase in activity with practitioners' engagement including attending relevant events to raise visibility of the work of the Board and to discuss the strategic projects.

The Board needs to be a responsive regulator and ensure that its strategic projects can occur in a timely manner. At this time, it is progressing work on the scopes of practice review. This work is integral to the regulation of all professions and the project is a key priority. Undertaking scope reviews are complex projects which can have many impacts, not only for the profession but also for the policies and procedures that are part of the routine work of the Board. These projects take time and need to be resourced appropriately. The Board also has a need to ensure that the people providing its services work in ways that are culturally safe and equitable.

The Board publicly reports on its financial expenses every year, these are published in the Annual Report, which available on the Board's website [here](#).

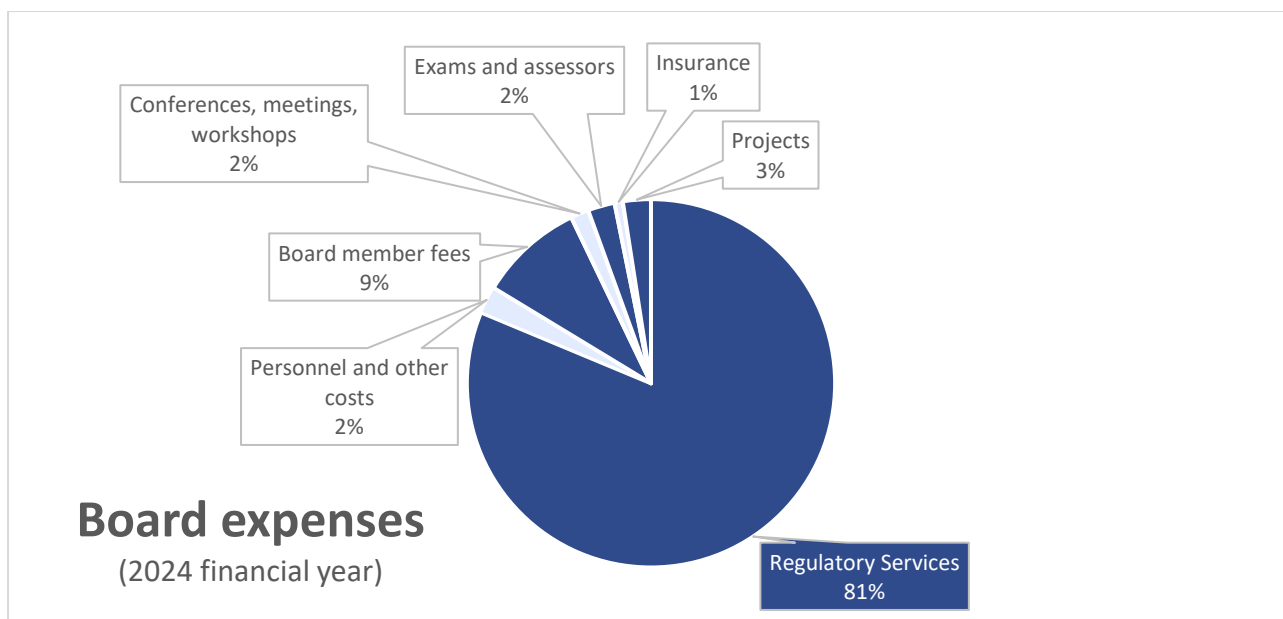


Figure 1: Summary of the Board's main expense areas for the 2024 financial year (2025 breakdown not yet available)

Proposal

Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | The Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board) is proposing to increase most fees for the 2026-2027 practising year. The proposed fee increases are necessary for the Board to meet the ongoing costs of delivering its regulatory functions and responsibilities. For most practitioners the main change would be the annual practising certificate (APC) fee.

- The proposal means the APC fee would increase from the current \$495.00 to \$510.00 (inclusive of GST).
- The proposal means the disciplinary levy would remain at \$34.50 (inclusive of GST).

A table of proposed fees is included in **Appendix A**.

Frequently asked questions

What will the increased fees be used for?

The proposed fee increases are necessary for the Board to meet the full operational and capital expenditure costs to deliver the functions and responsibilities required of them under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA Act). The Board is aware of its obligations to keep practitioner information safe and needs to invest further in its information security. This includes ensuring it has effective cyber security to protect the information it holds.

The cumulative effect of the fee increases will not cover all forecasted costs, and the Board expects to have an annual operational deficit of circa \$224,826 for the 2026-2027 financial year. However, the Board is committed to keeping fee increases at an affordable level for practitioners, and the expected annual deficit is manageable due to the Board having a reasonable level of reserve funds.

What is a disciplinary levy used for?

Money received from this levy can only be used to fund disciplinary processes. This levy is a single fee that is used for practitioners referred to a professional conduct committee and to the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal. When a practitioner is referred to a discipline process the profession must pay for this.

Each year the Board must also pay a fee to the Tribunal to fund it. This is based on a per practitioner basis and is payable regardless of the number of cases that may have been referred to the Tribunal. In addition, a fee is payable to the Tribunal to fund education for profession specific tribunal members.

The Board anticipates that the current fund is adequate to cover any projected activity and is proposing the disciplinary levy remain at the same level as 2025-2026 with an annual review.

What does the Board do to minimise costs?

The Board continually reviews its operations within best-value-for-money principles and in alignment with the good practice guidelines presented by the Office of the Auditor-General and the Treasury. A core strategy that has enabled the Board to keep its fees at a significantly lower level when compared to other similar sized regulatory authorities is its partnership arrangement with the Medical Sciences Council, whereby secretariat services are shared. This allows the Board to realise benefits such as more efficient staffing resources and the sharing of office accommodation, and a common IT infrastructure.

Why does the Board have reserve funds?

Having a reasonable level of reserves is essential for the Board's financial viability. As it receives no government funding it is reliant on practitioner fees to fund our operations. Our reserves policy can be found [here](#).

Are there any developmental initiatives the Board needs to fund?

The Board has a number of important developmental initiatives that will progress during 2026-2027 and many of them have been outlined in this paper. Its initiatives include meeting its obligations to contribute to the national drive for demonstrable and sustainable improvements to health equity and culturally safe health services. The Board will also continue to improve its engagement with stakeholders.

Are there any IT projects that the Board needs to fund?

As with any organisation there is a need to consider investment in information technology and information security. The Board has recently completed an information management project which has looked at the information it holds and the processes around its management. The Board must ensure that it has a robust, efficient information technology system and infrastructure to support its regulatory functions and protect practitioner information. In 2026-2027 the Board will be conducting a review of its website and other information support services to compliment the practitioner interface and enable a user-friendly experience for practitioners and the public.

Feedback and submissions

The consultation document will be sent to all registered and practising medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners. It will also be sent to key stakeholder organisations and will be available from the news section on the Board's website. The Board invites all practitioners and organisations with an interest in this matter to provide comments and make submissions.

The Board will consider all submissions and feedback received before a decision is made on the proposed fees that are presented in this document. Any decision will then be communicated to practitioners and if a change is to be made then a notice will be placed in the New Zealand Gazette.

Submissions must be received by **11.59pm on Thursday, 27 November 2025.**

Submissions can be made by completing the survey found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please email mrtconsultations@medsci.co.nz with subject line **MRTB Fees Consultation.**

Ngā mihi

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Appendix A

Fee type	Current	Proposed	Proposed
	(GST inclusive)	(GST exclusive)	(GST inclusive)
Registration fee			
NZ graduate	\$395.00	\$353.91	\$407.00
TTMRA	\$395.00	\$353.91	\$407.00
Overseas graduate	\$895.00	\$801.74	\$922.00
Additional scope	\$215.00	\$192.17	\$221.00
Annual Practising Certificate (APC)			
Renewal of APC received by 31 March	\$495.00	\$443.48	\$510.00
Renewal of APC received after 7 April	\$690.00	\$618.26	\$711.00
New Zealand graduate first APC on completion of programme of education	\$250.00	\$443.48	\$510.00
Application for an initial or Return to Work APC received between 1 April to 31 March	\$495.00	\$224.35	\$258.00
Disciplinary levy	\$34.50	\$30.00	\$34.50
Supply of Documents			
Registration certification/re-issue of registration certificate	\$67.00	\$60.00	\$69.00
Letter of good standing	\$157.00	\$140.87	\$162.00
Other fees			
Restoration to the register	\$56.00	\$50.44	\$58.00
Registration Examination Assessment (REA)	\$2,920.00	\$2,615.65	\$3,008.00
Online Examination	\$2,625.00	\$2,351.30	\$2,704.00

Appendix B Survey questions

Te Poari Ringa Hangarau Iraruke | The Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board)/ is proposing changes to practitioner fees for the 2026/2027 year, and we'd like your feedback. You can share your views by completing [our survey](#).

1. Your name:
2. What scope are you registered in?
3. Are you completing this survey as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?
 - a. If you are completing this survey on behalf of an organisation, please name the organisation.
4. The Board is proposing to increase all practitioner and applicant fees for the 2026/2027 practising year by 3%. Having read the consultation document do you agree or disagree with this proposal?
5. If you do not agree, what matters do you think the Board should consider?
6. Is there anything in the consultation document that you would like further clarification on?